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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Son T. Nguyen

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 31 December 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-41 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) 1-41 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

SON T. NGUYEN
PRIMARY EXAMINER

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:
 - I. Claims 1-38, drawn to a method for modifying a plant or plant part, classified in class 47, subclass 58.1R.
 - II. Claim 39, drawn to a method for eliciting the hypersensitive response in a plant or plant part, classified in class 47, subclass 58.1FV.
 - III. Claim 40, drawn to a method for increasing the total activity of an enzyme, classified in class 435, subclass 183.
 - IV. Claim 41, drawn to a method for increasing lignin synthesis, classified in class 530, subclass 500.

The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:

2. Inventions I and II are unrelated. Inventions are unrelated if it can be shown that they are not disclosed as capable of use together and they have different designs, modes of operation, and effects (MPEP § 802.01 and § 806.06). In the instant case, the different inventions have different designs and effects. For example, invention II includes an enzyme including phenylalanine ammonia lyase, polyphenol oxidase and peroxidase, which is not in invention I. Hence, invention II has different design and effect from that of invention I.
3. Inventions I and III are unrelated. Inventions are unrelated if it can be shown that they are not disclosed as capable of use together and they have different designs, modes of operation, and effects (MPEP § 802.01 and § 806.06). In the instant case, the

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different inventions have different designs and effects. For example, invention III includes an enzyme including indole-3-acetic acid oxidase, polyphenol oxidase and peroxidase, which is not in invention I. Hence, invention III has different design and effect from that of invention I.

4. Inventions I and IV are unrelated. Inventions are unrelated if it can be shown that they are not disclosed as capable of use together and they have different designs, modes of operation, and effects (MPEP § 802.01 and § 806.06). In the instant case, the different inventions have different designs and effects. For example, invention I's effect is to change the health, growth or life cycle of plant, hence, the amount effective will be different from that of invention IV because invention IV's effect is to increase lignin synthesis, which the amount effective to do this will be different from that of changing health, growth or life cycle of plant.

5. Inventions II and III are unrelated. Inventions are unrelated if it can be shown that they are not disclosed as capable of use together and they have different designs, modes of operation, and effects (MPEP § 802.01 and § 806.06). In the instant case, the different inventions have different designs and effects. For example, invention II includes an enzyme including phenylalanine ammonia lyase, polyphenol oxidase and peroxidase, which is not in invention III, which includes an enzyme including indole-3-acetic acid oxidase, polyphenol oxidase and peroxidase. Inventions II & III will have different effects due to different designs making up the composition.

6. Inventions II and IV are unrelated. Inventions are unrelated if it can be shown that they are not disclosed as capable of use together and they have different designs,

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modes of operation, and effects (MPEP § 802.01 and § 806.06). In the instant case, the different inventions have different designs and effects. For example, invention II includes an enzyme including phenylalanine ammonia lyase, polyphenol oxidase and peroxidase, which is not in invention IV. Hence, invention II has different design and effect from that of invention IV.

7. Inventions III and IV are unrelated. Inventions are unrelated if it can be shown that they are not disclosed as capable of use together and they have different designs, modes of operation, and effects (MPEP § 802.01 and § 806.06). In the instant case, the different inventions have different designs and effects. For example, invention III includes an enzyme including indole-3-acetic acid oxidase, polyphenol oxidase and peroxidase, which is not in invention IV. Hence, invention II has different design and effect from that of invention IV.

8. Because these inventions are independent or distinct for the reasons given above and the inventions require a different field of search (see MPEP § 808.02), restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

9. If Applicant wishes to elect invention I, this invention contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species:

Species I: different types of modified lecithin as claimed in claims 3-6.

Species II: different types of plant or plant part as claimed in claims 7-8.

Species III: different types of exposing plant or plant part as claimed in claims 9-10.

Species IV: different types of treating (Markush-type claim 11).

Species V: different concentration of modified lecithin as claimed in claims 12-14.

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Species VI: different effects of method 1 for improving, retarding, increasing, stimulating, and protecting as claimed in claims 15-38. If Applicant wishes to elect this species, there are further species within this species:

Species A: as claimed in claim 16 (Markush-type claim).

Species B: as claimed in claims 21-23.

Species C: as claimed in claims 29-31.

Species D: as claimed in claims 33, 34,36, with claim 34 being Markush-type claim). If Applicant wishes to elect this species, there are further species within this species as claimed in claims 37-38.

Applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Currently, claims 1-2 are generic.

Applicant is advised that a reply to this requirement must include an identification of the species that is elected consonant with this requirement, and a listing of all claims readable thereon, including any claims subsequently added. An argument that a claim is allowable or that all claims are generic is considered nonresponsive unless accompanied by an election.

Upon the allowance of a generic claim, applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which depend from or otherwise require all the limitations of an allowable generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.141. If claims are added after the election, applicant must indicate which are readable upon the elected species.

MPEP § 809.02(a).

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10. Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include (i) an election of a species or invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143) and (ii) identification of the claims encompassing the elected invention.

The election of an invention or species may be made with or without traverse. To reserve a right to petition, the election must be made with traverse. If the reply does not distinctly and specifically point out supposed errors in the restriction requirement, the election shall be treated as an election without traverse.

Should applicant traverse on the ground that the inventions or species are not patentably distinct, applicant should submit evidence or identify such evidence now of record showing the inventions or species to be obvious variants or clearly admit on the record that this is the case. In either instance, if the examiner finds one of the inventions unpatentable over the prior art, the evidence or admission may be used in a rejection under 35 U.S.C.103(a) of the other invention.

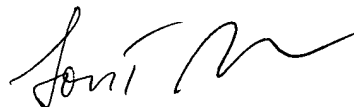
11. Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a request under 37 CFR 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(i).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Son T. Nguyen whose telephone number is 571-272-6889. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thu from 10:00am to 5:30pm.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Peter M. Poon can be reached on 571-272-6891. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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